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1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO MONACO, PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND PRINCE RAINIER HELD GENERALDISCUSSION REGARDIN SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION ON FUTURE VISITS BY PRINCE AND FAMILY TO UNITED STATES. PRINCE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN FOR HIS SAFETY DURING US VISIT THIS PAST SUMMER. HE STATED HE WAS AWARE OF FACT THAT SECRET SERVICE HAS STATUTORY OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SUCH PROTECTION DURING OFFICIAL VISITS BUT DID NOT KNOW THAT THE PROTECTION ALSO EXTENDED TO PRIVATE VISITS. ALTHOUGH HIS VISITS ARE USUALLY PRIVATE IN NATURE, RAINIER STATED HE WILL NOTIFY CONSULATE NICE OF FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS IN U.S. AT SAME TIME HE WOULD INDICATE WHETHER HE WISHES SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION AND, IF NONE CONSIDERED NECESSARY, WILL SUBMIT WRITTEN WAIVER AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF HE SHOULDREQUEST U.S.S.S. PROTECTION ON FUTURE VISITS, THE PRINCE ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAVE A REDUCED DETAIL OF ONLY TWO OR THREE MEN. HE STATED THAT THE ONE TIME THAT S.S. HAD PROVIDED PROTECTION ON A VISIT SOME YEARS AGO, HE FELT THAT TOO MANY AGENTS WERE INVOLVED AND, AS A RESULT, HE WAS UNABLE TO ENJOY HIS PRIVATE FAMILY VACATION.

3. IN ADDITION, THE PRINCE ALSO INQUIRED IF USSS REGULATIONS WOULD REQUIRE THAT HE SIGN A WAIVER OF PROTECTION FOR CLOSE FAMILY

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MEMBERS, IF THEY SHOULD TRAVEL ALONE TO U.S. HE MENTIONED THAT

HIS SON, PRINCE ALBERT, MAY ATTEND A U.S. UNIVERSITY STARTING
EITHER IN THE FALL OF 1976 OR 1977.
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